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SUBJECT: BISHOP'S CONCERN FOR CHILEAN REFUGEES IN PERU

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1. REFTEL A, RESPONDING TO THIS EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR ADVICE ON FEASIBILITY OF ADMITTING INTO THE U.S. AT LEAST SOME OF THE CHILEAN REFUGEES IN PERU, IS MUCH APPRECIATED. WE WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH MONS. DURAND FLOREZ REGARDING REFUGEES KNOWN TO HIM TO BE NON-CONFLICTIVE, AND WILL ATTEMPT TO GATHER INFORMATION ON BACKGROUND AND SKILLS, AVOIDING THE CREATION OF FALSE EXPECTATIONS. EMBASSY WILL ALSO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE IN LIMA ON SITUATION OF MANDATED CASES.

2. IN CONTINUING CONSULTATION WITH BISHOP DURAND FLOREZ, AND AS A RESULT OF A CHECK IN CONSULATE FILES, IT HAS NOW COME TO OUT ATTENTION THAT UNDER THE CHILEAN REFUGEE PAROLE PROGRAM CARRIED OUT BY THE CONSULATE IN 1976, 89 CASES WERE COMPLETED AND FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON FOR DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATION (REFTEL B, PARA C-3, AND REFTEL C). THIS EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF A DEPARTMENT DETERMINATION ON THE PAROLE ELIGIBILITY OF 55 OF THESE 89 CASES.

NEVERTHELESS WE UNDERSTAND THAT A QUOTA OF 100 CASES WAS SET FOR EMBASSY LIMA, AND THAT AS OF NOVEMBER 1976, (RETELS B AND C) OF THE 89 CASES ONLY 34 (109 PERSONS) WERE ISSUED
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PAROLE DOCUMENTATION AND DEPARTED FOR THE U.S. IT APPEARS TO US, THEREFORE, THAT WE ARE CLEARLY UNDER OUR QUOTA.

3. EMBASSY NOW HAS RECEIVED FROM ARCHBISHOP DURAND FLOREZ A LIST OF 23 CASES (65 INDIVIDUALS) WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS OF THE COMISION ECUMENICA DE ASISTENCIA SOCIAL, REMAIN IN PERU AND, AFTER MORE THAN 8 MONTHS, ARE STILL WAITING FOR

FINAL U.S. DETERMINATION ON THEIR ELIGIBILITY. OF THE
BISHOP'S LIST, ALL BUT TWO CASES ARE INCLUDED IN THE
55 CASES STILL APPARENTLY UNDER DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATION
(REFTELS B AND C). BIOGRAPHICAL AND SKILLS INFORMATION IS
PRESUMABLY ON FILE IN DEPARTMENT.

4. EMBASSY WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT LOOKING
INTO THE STATUS OF THE 55 CASES STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.
IN SEPTTEL WE WILL PROVIDE NAMES AND CASE NUMBERS OF THOSE
ON THE BISHOP'S LIST WHO ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE 55
CASES STILL PENDING.
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